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## Amidst pandemonium

# TN Assembly ADJOURNED

Chennai, Feb. 18- Stalemate continued in Tamil Nadu Assembly as opposition DMK MLAs created ruckus ahead of floor test on the confidence motion moved by Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palanisamy this morning. As we went to the press the house was adjourned till 3 pm.

Trouble started after Speaker P. Dhanpal rejected the demand for a secret ballot by MLAs belonging to former Chief Minister O. Panneerselvam camp, who were supported by the DMK, Congress and IUML.

Speaker Dhanapal walked out of the Assembly adjourning the house till 1 pm amid violence by DMK MLAs who tore papers, broke chairs and pulled off microphones after the Speaker rejected their demand. Later, when the House met again at 1 pm, the DMK MLAs continued their protest and refused to vacate the House even after being expelled by the Speaker.

Earlier in the morning, DMK leader Stalin and Congress floor leader Ramasamy demanded a secret ballot or an adjournment saying most MLAs were not in a free position to cast their votes. When the Speaker insisted that he will go by his powers and decide on whether or not to allow secret voting, the DMK members rushed to the well of the House raising slogans.

When the House met again at 1 pm, Speaker Dhanpal said his shirt was torn and he was insulted by the MLAs. He said that as per Assembly Rule 19(1), he has to conduct the House. In reply, DMK leader Stalin said the Speaker could adjourn the House under rule 122 when there was an extra ordinary situation. But the Speaker resumed the session and immediately, the DMK MLAs rushed to the well of the house once again shouting slogans. Speaker ordered their eviction. When the ward and watch staff tried to evict them, they resisted and sat in a dharna forcing the Speaker to adjourn the House till 3 pm.

This is the first time in 30 years that Tamil Nadu Assembly is facing a first floor test. If the AIADMK's official strength is 134, there are 11 dissidents including Panneerselvam.

# 'Gender imbalance is detrimental to country'

District-level workshop on Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act

*Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep is seen addressing the gathering at the District-level workshop on PCPNDT Act at Infosys auditorium in city this morning as other dignitaries look on.*

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (US&RK)- "Drastic reduction of gender ratio (male and female) in the country is causing concern which should be viewed seriously," opined P.G.M. Patil, Principal District and Sessions Judge.

He was speaking after inaugurating a day-long District-level workshop on Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PCPNDT) Act, 1994 organised jointly by District Administration, District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Zilla Panchayat and Department of Health and Family Welfare at Mahatma Gandhi auditorium in Infosys campus here this morning.

About 300 doctors of various specialisations from government and private hospitals, Tahsildars and Taluk Health Officers participated in the workshop.

Patil pointed out that though pre-natal sex determination test was banned in the country way back in 1996, the ratio of male to female which was 1000:964 in 2011 had dropped further to 1000:945 in 2017 which is a serious concern.

He said that a few diagnostic centres were engaged in unethical practices which is a crime and would be dealt sternly when caught. He added that people should also co-operate to effectively implement the Act.

(See GENDER on page 11)

# Grand procession marks Nalwadi Jayanti

Mysuru, Feb.18 (MTY&RNN)- A grand procession marked the 133rd birth anniversary celebrations of Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, in city this morning.

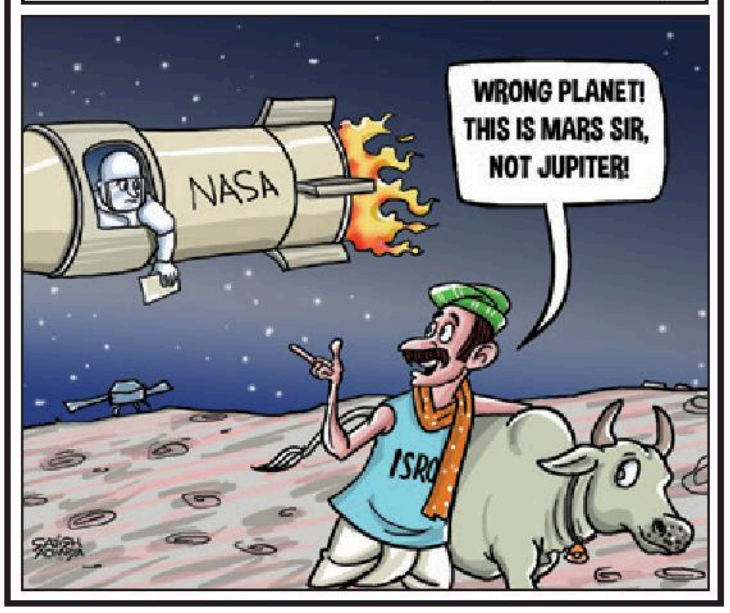
The citizens, accompanied by cultural troupes performing Veeraghase, Dollu Kunitha, Puja Kunitha, Kamsale and Nandi Dhwaja, participated in the colourful procession along with a flower-decked silver chariot carrying the portrait of the Rajarshi.

The Mounted Police personnel, two Palace elephants and Police Band were also part of the procession which was flagged off by MLA M.K. Somashekar from the entrance of Prasanna Lakshmiramanaswamy temple inside the Palace premises after offering special pujas to the deity.

(See NALWADI on page 11)

## STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."
**Editor-in-Chief: K.B. GANAPATHY B.A; B.L.**
Mysuru, Saturday 18th February 2017

# Sumptuous Statistics Data diarrhoea

**The caption for today's column is likely to generate thoughts about the three magical figures (36-24-36) in the minds of the flock with wide-ranging interests in life. For others, the interaction among them has to be through words, chosen with care or otherwise depending on their upbringing and also their stock of vocabulary in their chosen tongue. While the threesome numbers possess information of infinite *dimension* (pun intended), the words, expressed infinite volume are a different kettle of fish. No small wonder, the birth and advancing march of the ubiquitous digital technology owe to just two numbers of the binary language, series of the digits. The English lexicon, with a prosaic meaning for the expression *vital statistics* as number of births, deaths, marriages etc., cannot take away the euphoria resulting from its meaning in colloquial parlance as the measurements of woman's bust, waist and hips. Let it be.**

**But for the concepts, terms, theory and formulas concerning numbers conveying information about anything of interest, value and use in today's world in the expanding field of *Statistics*, the numerically generated and presented information would have driven anybody mad. The term average takes the cake in spite of the reference to the uniform of armed forces which fits all the soldiers on an *average* but fits none in particular.**

**Can it be denied that the all-too-familiar information technology has its deep roots in numbers. The field is currently described as Information Communication Technology. Elaborating on the two components of this field, read profession, namely *information* and *communication* is outside the scope of this column. However, just to take a potshot at the growing mass of the workforce globally earning enviable livelihood, including the flock in Mysuru, life has acquired complexity thanks to their signature gift called the *software*, more precisely *computer software*.**

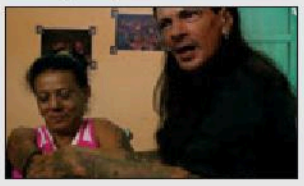
**The cornucopia of software has already reached the *countless* stage and continues to be counting, considering that *numbers*, read *data*, are its heart and soul. This brings us to take a close look at the sumptuous statistics coming in the official conduit and its real face — diarrhoea of data. The frequently published official statement that retail inflation is coming down in the land says it all, while *aam janata* is not even winking at the claim made by the top brass in the government, virtually shooting that darts sitting on the shoulders of the economists.**

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

***Indian Trade Union membership — 15 percent of the labour force — is higher than rich countries (10 per cent in the US and 7 per cent in England) but may peak at levels lower than them (36 per cent in the US and 50 per cent in England). The extinction of Trade Union is imminent but hardly inevitable. Trade Unions are an important civil society institution whose decline is not murder but suicide. Just like effective governments are not pro-business but pro-markets, Trade Unions should focus on employees not employers. This involves forgetting the small labour aristocracy and sustainably raising wages for most workers through formalisation, urbanisation, and skill development.*** *— In Business Standard.*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

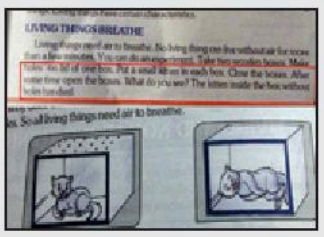
### Infecting with HIV to escape persecution



Havana: It's hard to imagine why anyone would voluntarily infect themselves with one of the deadliest viruses in human existence, but for "Los Frikis" – a Cuban punk community living under the regime of Fidel Castro during the 80s and 90s – injecting themselves with HIV-infected syringes was the easiest way to escape persecution and Police harassment.

Los Frikis, the name than became synonymous with punks, metalheads and pretty much anyone who didn't fit in with mainstream Cuban society, came together during the late 1980's. Although the language was purely an aesthetic choice, speaking English in those days was considered a huge no-no. Breaking social norms was a risky affair in 1980s Cuba, and the Frikis paid a high price for it. Many of them were rejected by their families, harassed, arrested and forced to do manual labour for their "crimes". Los Frikis tired of the constant persecution, many of them took up a form of protest that can only be described as extreme – infecting themselves with HIV by injecting the blood of their sick friends into their veins.

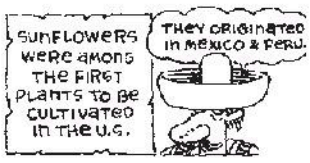
### Textbook encourages kids to kill cats




New Delhi: The authors of a Class IV textbook in India recently came under fire, after it was revealed that in a lesson on the importance of breathing they were literally encouraging the kids to do an experiment involving suffocating a cat. It sounds hard to believe that a school textbook for environmental studies could teach children as young as 9 years old to kill an animal as an experiment, but it's sadly true. The textbook explains. "No living thing can live without air for more than a few minutes. Take two wooden boxes. Make holes on lid of one box. Put a small kitten in each box. Close the Boxes. After some time open the boxes. What do you see? The kitten in the box with no holes has died." The Our Green World textbook was part of the curriculum at a reputed school in Delhi, India, but it is unclear if it is still being used, following the recent controversy with the kitten experiment. This blunder has once again raised question about the quality of textbooks in India.

## HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

### Why should I eat sunflower seeds?

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## Healthy tips

**Dr. Palaniappan R**
Consultant Surgical Oncologist

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## Really...?

- *Jellyfish like salt water. A rainy season often reduces the jellyfish population by putting more fresh water into normally salty waters where they live.*
- *There are more than fifty different kinds of kangaroos.*

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

*On a flight, a guy asked a beautiful lady sitting next to him...*
*'Nice perfume... which one is it? I want to gift it to my wife.'*
***Lady:*** *Don't give her... some idiot will find an excuse to talk to her !!*

## Today's Currency Rate

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VOICE OF THE READER

# DC may look at Farmers' Vegetable Market on M.G. Road

Sir,

KBG's *Abracadabra* titled ***"Mysuru calling, why are you not going?"*** published in yesterday's *SOM* seemed to 'instruct' those in authority to become game-changers to develop tourism in Mysuru. However, I would like to mention that there are two more tourist destinations that need immediate attention.

One is Brindavan Gardens. It is a chaotic situation at the spot where you park the car, after a drive on a bad road. And inside the Gardens there is less of garden and light and the tourists move around like robots eager to get out. Looks like a run-down garden, if at all it can be called a 'garden'.

Another place in city, where these days I see white foreigners taking pictures, is the Farmers' Vegetable Market on M.G. Road (East) near the Mall of Mysore (Radisson Blu Hotel). One should be well immuned to any disease or virus attack to buy vegetables from this place full of dirt and muck, one tourist told me, when I stopped the car to ask him what was of interest for him to videograph the market.

Yesterday I read in newspapers that our DC is keen on making Devaraja Market of tourist interest. But he should know tourist interest (for foreigners) is the M.G. Road Market for sheer slum-like ground with dirt and muck.

Is MCC or the District Administration financially so poor and lacking in a sense of hygiene to provide the place with proper cement or tile flooring with drainage, overhead roof, toilets etc.?

I learn that the place itself is under dispute and the matter is in Court, so it is left that way. But all the same somebody is collecting fee or *hafta* from those farmers who use the place. How?

Either the authorities could move the Court with a special application on humanitarian grounds to vacate the stay if any and give final judgement or alternatively find a government land nearby (I am sure it should be available, if there is determination on the part of the bureaucrats and a political will) and shift the market providing all the infrastructure and collect rent from the users — farmers of the market.

This done, the DC can welcome all the tourists (of any colour and country) to this Farmers' Vegetable Market. Good luck.

**— A concerned citizen**
**(Name withheld on request)**

Mysuru
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## Experimental stoppage of trains

Mysuru, Feb.18- The Railway has decided to continue the experimental stoppage provided for Train No. 16217/16218, Mysuru-Sai Nagar Shirdi-Mysuru Weekly Express, Train No. 17321/17322, Hubballi-Lokmanya Tilak Terminus-Hubballi Weekly Express and Train No. 16535/16536, Mysuru-Solapur-Mysuru Daily Express at Nimbal until further advice.

It has also decided to continue the experimental stoppage provided for Train No. 16533/16534, Bhagat Ki Kothi- KSR Bengaluru- Bhagat Ki Kothi Weekly Express at Anantpur Station.

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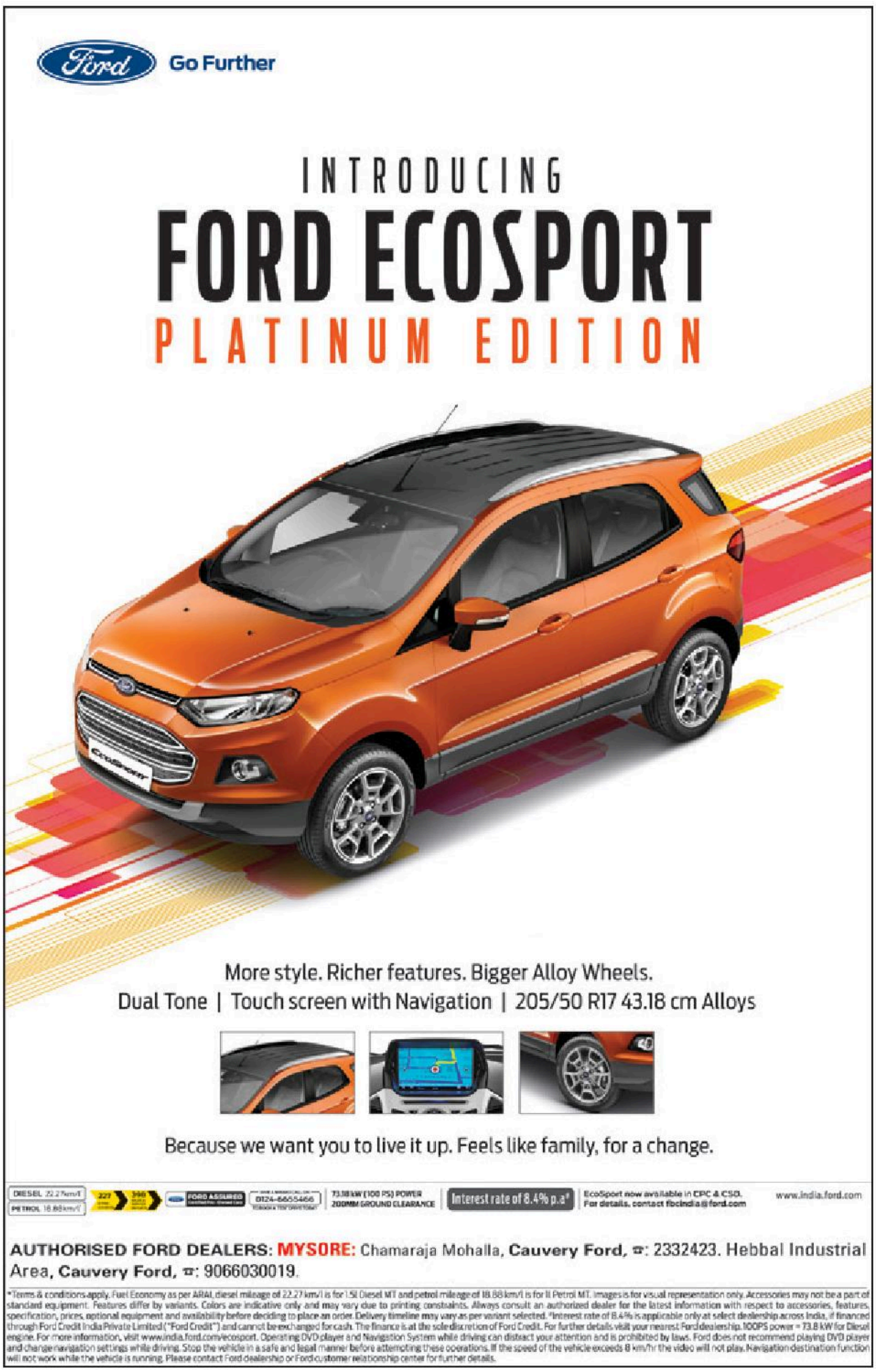
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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Discourse

Astanga Yoga Vignana Mandiram has organised a discourse by Dr. K.L. Shankaranarayana Jois on 'Ashra Samskruthi – Samskara – 18' at its premises in Lakshmipuram on Feb. 19 at 7 pm. Entry is free.

### Purandara, Tyagaraja Aradhana tomorrow

Prachodayath Vipra Sangha has organised Sri Purandara, Sri Tyagaraja Aradhana Mahotsav and felicitation to senior artistes on Feb. 19 at Avani Sringeri Jagadguru Shankaracharya Mahasamsthanam, Sharada Peeta, Mysuru Branch, at Vidyaranyapuram from 5 pm. For details, contact Mob: 93422-02562 or Mob: 94480-63766.

### Adarsha Dampati

NVS Creations, Krishnamurthypuram, has organised a State-level Adarsha Dampati competition Season-2 for couples aged below 50 years. Interested may contact NVS Creations on Mob: 93430-56766 or 99453-84566, before Feb. 25.

### Health camp

A five-day free health camp for Asthma and breathing problems in children aged between 6 and 16 years has been organised at JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Alanahalli, Feb. 20 to 25 from 9 am to 4 pm. For details, call Mob: 99862-84748.

### Akrama-Sakrama deadline extended

The deadline for regularisation (Sakrama) of unauthorised houses built on Government land in rural areas before Jan. 1, 2012, has been extended to Feb. 20. The disposal of accepted applications will be done within one year from the date of deadline (Feb. 20) for receipt of application. Likewise, the deadline for regularisation (Sakrama) of illegal houses built on Government land before Jan. 1, 2012 in Urban areas coming under the jurisdictional limits of City Corporation, TMC's, CMS's and Town Panchayats, has been extended to Feb. 27. The applications can be submitted at all Atalji Janasnehi Kendras along with necessary documents, respective Taluk/ district, according to a release issued by the Additional DC. For details, visit the Tahsildar Office.

### Ex-Servicemen

With the DC proposing to hold a meeting of Zilla Sainik Mandali, the Director of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement Department has invited Ex-Servicemen to submit their grievances in duplicate at the Dept. Office before Feb. 28. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2425240.

### Bhagavad Gita recitation contest

Sri AVM Academy has organised a Bhagavad Gita (Chapter 12) recitation competition on Feb. 26 for those in the age group from 5 to 20 years. Entry is free. [93796-48606]

**Nanjangud bypoll**

# JD(S) to field candidate of workers' choice : HDK

## Says Kalale Keshavamurthy is a 'liar'

Nanjangud, Feb.18 (RS& RNN)- Branding Kalale Keshavamurthy, who recently quit the JD(S) and joined the Congress as a 'liar,' State JD(S) Unit President and former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy yesterday said that the party would field a suitable candidate after consultations with party workers.

Kalale Keshavamurthy

Addressing party workers at Bharathi Theertha auditorium in the temple town, Kumaraswamy accused Chief Minister Siddharamaiah of ignoring the interests of the people of the town and chanting development mantra only before the bypolls.

Buttressing his claims on Siddharamaiah's least concerns for the residents, the former CM said: "If at all Siddharamaiah was really interested in the development of the town, he should have released funds when former Minister V. Sreenivasa Prasad was representing the Constituency and not after Prasad's resignation."

Clarifying that neither he nor his Party Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda had blessed and sent Kalale Keshavamurthy to the Congress, Kumaraswamy branded Kalale Keshavamurthy as a 'liar,' who misused their names and also misled the Party.

Charging that the BJP and the Congress were gearing up to pump money to win, the former CM said that the JD(S) needed to raise resources from Party workers for the bypoll.

**No dearth of candidates**

Speaking to media persons during his brief stay in Mysuru, Kumaraswamy, who claimed that there was no dearth of candidates in the JD(S), criticised both the BJP and the Congress for poaching Sreenivasa Prasad from Congress and Kalale Keshavamurthy from the JD(S).

Coming down heavily on the Siddharamaiah's Govt. for planning stringent action on teachers who are threatening to boycott evaluation works, he said that there was confusion in change in text books.

Legislators Chikkamadu, G.T. Devegowda and Sandesh Nagaraj, Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar, JD(S) Taluk Unit President R.V. Mahadevaswamy and others were present.

*Former CM H.D. Kumaraswamy is seen inaugurating the JD(S) Party Workers Convention in Nanjangud yesterday in the presence of MLAs G.T. Devegowda and Chikkamadu, MLC Sandesh Nagaraj, Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar and others look on.*

# Cannot release any more water to TN: Karnataka

New Delhi, Feb.18- Counsels for Karnataka yesterday explained before the Cauvery Supervisory Committee (CSC) the acute water crisis it is facing in the Cauvery River basin due to severe droughts and conveyed its inability to continue releasing 2,000 cusecs of water daily to Tamil Nadu due to the prevailing distress situation.

Participating in the CSC meeting at Shrama Shakthi Bahavan in the National capital chaired by Union Water Resources Secretary Shashi Shekhar, Karnataka Chief Secretary Subhash Chandra Khuntia said, "despite drastic inflow deficit at Karnataka reservoirs, the State has en-sured a total of 3.67 lakh cusecs (31.79 tmcft) at Biligundlu from September 2016 to Feb. 13, 2017.

According to sources, Khuntia further said that live storage in four reservoirs in Karnataka as on Feb. 13 is 13.51 tmcft, while the requirement for drinking water needs of Bengaluru and other towns till June 2017 is about 13.22 tmcft.

The present storage is not sufficient to meet even the drinking water needs after taking into account the evaporation and conveyance losses. In this context, Khuntia is said to have conveyed that it could not be possible to fully comply with the Supreme Court's order to continue releasing 2,000 cusecs of water for Tamil Nadu.

The CSC meeting that lasted over three hours was attended by Chief Secretaries of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Puducheri, all the four Cauvery riparian States.

# Proposed Mekedatu project slammed by TN parties

Chennai, Feb 18- Political parties in Tamil Nadu, including the main Opposition DMK, yesterday slammed Karnataka's proposed move to construct check dam at Mekedatu across River Cauvery in Karnataka.

The parties urged the Tamil Nadu Government to take steps to prevent Karnataka from going ahead with its move. "The newly-formed AIADMK Government should immediately take up the issue with the Centre and prevent Karnataka's proposed move," said DMK Working President M.K. Stalin in a statement.

Terming Karnataka's decision as "unilateral," Stalin said that DMK was of the opinion that the move would harm "relations between the two States."

CPI(M) Tamil Nadu Unit Secretary G. Ramakrishnan, while condemning the neighbouring State for taking steps to go ahead with its plan, demanded that the Centre should immediately intervene and prevent construction of the new dam.

"The party's Executive Committee urges the Centre to expedite the steps to implement the award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal," Stalin added.

Echoing similar views, CPI State Secretary V. Durai Manickam said, "The Chief Minister should convene a meeting comprising various political parties, farmers associations and press the Centre on the issue."

Claims that the project would meet the drinking water needs, of Bengaluru and other towns, that would arise in future in the Cauvery basin, Karnataka had proposed to construct check dams at Mekedatu across River Cauvery.

# Girl commits suicide

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (PM&KS)- An incident of a 26-year-old girl committing suicide by coming under a moving train has been reported near Varuna Canal close to Ring Road in city yesterday afternoon.

The deceased has been identified as Vijayalakshmi, daughter of Lakshmamma and a resident of Bamboo Bazaar here.

It is learnt that Vijayalakshmi was working at a petrol bunk on Hunsur Road in city.

Based on the information provided by the Thanjavur train engine driver, the Railway Police visited the spot and have taken necessary action.

# Body of three-month-old baby boy found

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (YDS&KS)- A body of a three-month-old baby boy, wrapped in a plastic cover, was found in Government Guest House premises in city on Thursday morning.

The public, who saw a pack of dogs moving around in the area, went to the spot only to find the dead body of a baby boy wrapped in a plastic cover and informed the Police.

Nazarbad Police, who rushed to the spot on receiving information, inspected the spot and found the baby boy dead.

A case has been registered at Nazarbad Police Station in this regard.

# Stalled works on multi-level parking lot at Town Hall to be re-launched soon

## Facility to be thrown open to public by Dasara: Mayor

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (RKB&KS)- Even after several postponements of the deadline to complete the interior renovation of the Town Hall and the multi-level parking lot in the Town Hall premises, which have now been stalled, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, who inspected the Town Hall premises on Thursday said that the works would be re-launched soon.

Speaking to media persons after inspecting the spot, he said that the construction works of the basement parking was taken up at an approximate cost of Rs. 17.6 crore and the renovation of Town Hall interiors at an approximate cost of Rs. 2.83 crore by Chabbra Associates of Secunderabad in 2011 but the contractor had stalled the works, which resulted in the MCC issuing several notices to the contractor. He further said that despite issuing notices to the contractor to take up the works and complete it on time, the contractor Chabbra Associates had not taken up the said works resulting in delay in the completion of the project and added that the tender awarded to the said contractor has been terminated and works would be re-launched within a month by awarding the works to another contractor.

The Mayor instructed the officials to call for a tender soon and take up the remaining works. He also said that the works would be completed soon and the facilities would be thrown open to the public before Dasara-2017.

MCC Assistant Executive Engineer Manjunath, Town Hall Standing Committee Chairman Jagadish and other officials accompanied the Mayor during his inspection.

## 'Use Vani Vilas Market as a parking lot'

Mysuru, Feb.18 (RKB& RNN)- The Vani Vilas Market in Agrahara, which is lying vacant for some time now can be used as a parking lot as vehicles parked in the surrounding areas are causing hindrance to smooth flow of traffic around N. Madhav Rao Circle, opined Mayor M.J. Ravikumar here yesterday.

He made this observation at Agrahara Circle from where he, along with officials of the MCC and present and former Corporators of the area took out an inspection of MCC Wards 3 and 4.

Ward 4 Corporator Sunil Kumar suggested action against a Bar and Restaurant on M.G.Road near the Agrahara Circle, which he alleged was functioning from an encroached land. Ravikumar asked the officials to initiate action after verifying the records both at the MCC and with the owner of the building. The presence of huge pile of garbage at Nanjumalige Circle irked the Mayor to such an extent that he wasted no time in taking the officials to task accusing them of failing to act on their own. Ravikumar also instructed officials to act on a complaint of one Nagesh of Hullina Beedi who said that water, which was to reach drains, was flowing on roads causing inconvenience to public.

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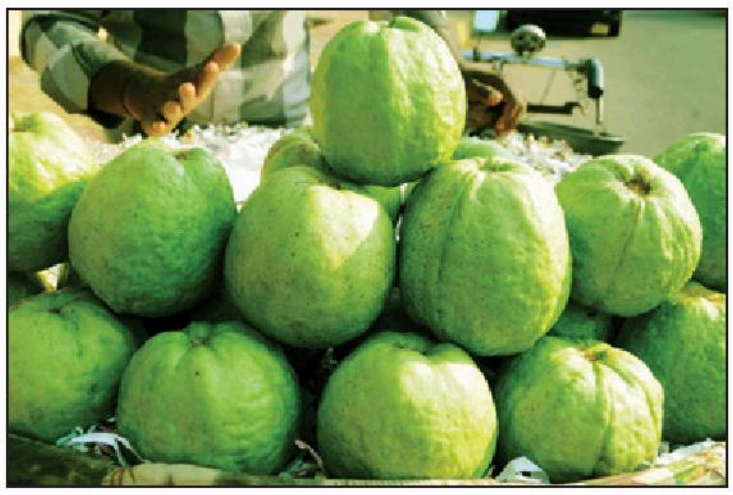
# Thai Guavas throng city

## This hybrid variety costs Rs. 180 per kg



By S. Kenneth Shishir

If one takes the road towards Crawford Hall from the DC's office, one would definitely stop to look at the giant sized guavas, being sold by vendors on their bicycles. While some motorists stopped to buy these, others after hearing that it costs Rs. 180 per kg, drive off.

Siddaraju, a fruit vendor from Rammanahalli, selling these guavas near Crawford Hall, innocently claimed that these guavas were from Ireland and had arrived at Bengaluru from where he buys.

He said that he goes to Bengaluru market once in two days, purchases about 15 kgs of guavas, brings it to city and sells them. These guavas are seedless and sweet, he says and claims that this fruit is good for BP and diabetes patients.

While guava is known to be a much sought-after fruit for its benefits, now overseas guava variety seems to be pushing the indigenous varieties off the market shelves.

Dinesh Kumar, Senior Assistant Director of the Horticulture Department, Mysuru, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, said that these giant fruits are grown only on plants that have come up through grafting and the fruit is called as 'Thai Guavas' as the fruit originated from Thailand.

He said that this fruit had less nutritional values compared to the native ones which are smaller in size and rich in nutrients especially Vitamin C.

Dinesh said that the hybrid variety is grown in different parts across the country especially in Chattisgarh and Maharashtra and added that the giant guavas have more pulp and less seed.

He said that the Horticulture Department was planning to grow such hybrid varieties through high-density farming in parts of Mysuru district shortly only as a demonstration and not commercially.

These giant guavas are also being sold on Ashoka Road, near St. Philomena's College on Bengaluru-Mysuru Road and other places in city.

*Siddaraju selling Thai Guavas near Crawford Hall in city.*

# Clocks stop ticking

## at Manasagangothri

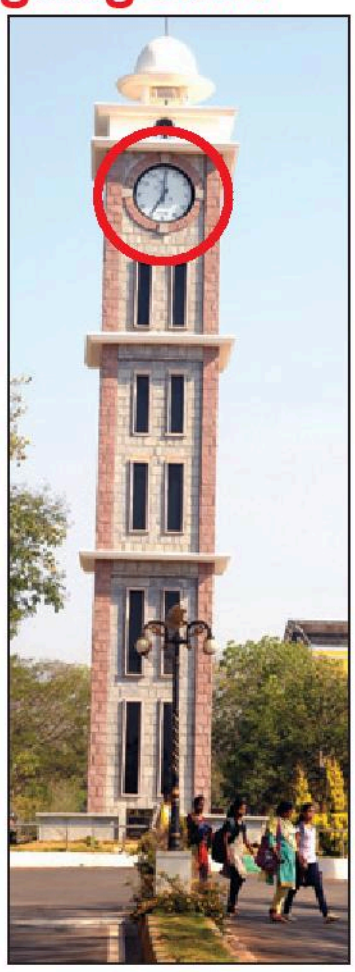
Mysuru, Feb. 18 (VNS)- The clocks installed on the Centenary Clock Tower at Manasagangothri has stopped ticking since 7 o'clock on Thursday. People at Manasagangothri campus were surprised to see the clock still showing 7 o' clock though it was 10.30 am in their wrist watches.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, one of the officials from University of Mysore Engineering section, said that the clock had stopped working owing to some technical problem and the same had been brought to the notice of HMT, which had installed the clock.

He added that the technical personnel from HMT in Bengaluru were expected to arrive today and carry out the repair works.

The 70-feet Clock Tower was constructed as part of the centenary celebrations of University of Mysore. Four clocks with a diameter of 5ft each, specially made by HMT, have been installed on all four sides of the Tower. While three clocks have English, Kannada and Roman digits the other clock has no digits but only lines. It is said that the tower was constructed at a cost Rs. 60 lakh.

The Clock Tower has become one of the major attractions of Manasagangothri. Evening walkers spend some quality time at the place listening to All India Radio which is played every day during the evening hours.



This is the third Clock Tower in city along with the Silver Jubilee Clock Tower built in front of Town Hall and Dufferin Clock Tower built in front of Devaraja Market.

# Toccata musical evening in aid of Mission Hospital today

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (KS) - Toccata Musical Productions, United Kingdom, along with Bangalore Children's Chorous and guest artiste Frank Konie, will be presenting a musical event in aid of CSI Holdsworth Memorial Hospital, popularly known as Mission Hospital, which is a charitable and self-sustaining hospital in Mysuru, today (Feb. 18) evening at the Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri, from 7 pm.

The troupe will render songs sung by Michael Jackson, Elvis Presley, Sir Elton John, Queen and songs from music bands Abba and Eagles, among others. The event will raise funds for the hospital's new Operation Theatre (OT) complex, which will be constructed at an estimated cost of Rs. 3 crore.

*A file photo of the Toccata Musical Foundation troupe performing.*

Mission Hospital needs a new OT complex as the existing one, built in 1907, is small and not full-fledged to cater to the needs of ever-increasing patients.

Toccata Musical Productions has already donated medical equipment worth Rs. 2 crore to the hospital and the money raised from the musical evening today would be utilised for infrastructure up-gradation at the hospital. Tickets for the musical evening are priced at Rs. 1,000, Rs. 500 and Rs. 200 and the tickets are available at *www.bookmyshow.com*

# Court orders temporary injunction against Vishnu Memorial

Mysuru, Feb. 18- The 3rd JMFC Court has ordered a temporary injunction against proposed Memorial being constructed in memory of Actor Dr. Vishnuvardhan after two persons went on an appeal claiming to be in possession of the land.

The works on construction of the Memorial had begun on Dec. 6 after the late actor's wife Bharathi Vishuvardhan performed the *gudli puja* and other rituals.

Though the Foundation stone had to be laid by the Chief Minister Siddharamaiah on Dec. 5, 2016 it had to be postponed as one-day nation-wide mourning was observed owing to Tamil Nadu CM Jayalalithaa's death.

State Government decided to construct Dr. Vishnuvardhan's Memorial in Mysuru after facing several legal tangles in Bengaluru. The Government sanctioned 5 acre land on Survey No. 8 at Alalu village near Udboor Gate where the construction of the Memorial in underway.

Two persons moved the JMFC Court against the construction of the Memorial claiming that the land was in their possession. The Court took up the matter and ordered temporary injunction.

Meanwhile, speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Tahsildar C. Ramesh Babu said that the land allotted to Vishnu Memorial belonged to the State Government and added that they had filed an appeal for vacating the temporary injunction submitting relevant documents.

# Silver Jubilee celebrations of Ganabharathi

Mysuru, Feb.18- The Music and Dance School of Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, has organised the 25th anniversary celebrations on Feb.19 at 10 am.

The Principals who have served the institution and the teachers who are serving the school will be felicitated on the occasion. Awards for the winners in various competitions held to mark the occasion will be distributed.

The function will be held in Srimathi Ramabai Govinda Rao stage at Ganabharathi.

A. Pushpa Iyengar, former member of Karnataka Music and Dance Academy, will inaugurate. Director of Nirmithi Kendra M. T. Manjunath will be the chief guest. Dr. C. G. Narasimhan, President of Ganabharathi, will preside.

Latha Deshapande, Principal of the School and H. R. Sundareshan, Vice-President of Ganabharathi, will be present, according to a press release.

# *Swachatha Abhiyan* tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.18- Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama, Yadavagiri, which has started a 40-week *Swachatha Abhiyan* along with volunteers on Sundays since Jan. 29, will be holding this fourth such programme tomorrow (Feb.19) at Paduvarahalli from 7 am, according to a press release from the Ashrama.

# SC seeks CID report on Van Ingen's properties

New Delhi, Feb. 18- The Supreme Court (SC) yesterday directed the Karnataka Government to furnish a CID report into the alleged defrauding of more than Rs. 500 crore worth properties of taxidermist Edwin Joubert Van Ingen.

A three-Judge Bench presided over by Justice Ranjan Gogoi asked advocate Joseph Aristotle, appearing for the State Government, to bring the enquiry report on record by Apr. 18.

The Apex Court passed its order on a plea by advocate Sanjay M. Nuli, representing Tilly Gifford, who identified herself as the niece of Van Ingen. The Court also said the *status quo*, already ordered, on the properties including the world famous landmark *'Bissal Munti House'* in Mysuru and 220 acres of plantation and wildlife trophies of the taxidermist, would remain in operation till the next date of hearing.

The CID inquiry was ordered into the matter, when a plea by Michael Floyd Eshwer, who claimed to be an adopted son, was pending before the Karnataka High Court for quashing an FIR registered against him by Van Ingen with Mysuru's Nazarbad Police Station on March 2, 2013.

Van Ingen, who died a bachelor at the age of 101 on March 12, 2013, had lodged the FIR against Eshwer alleging cheating, fraud and forgery after he realised that some of his properties were allegedly taken over by Eshwer. Subsequently, the High Court had on June 19, 2014 not only quashed the FIR at the preliminary stage of the investigation on the complaint but also directed the State Government for restoration of possession of the *'Bissal Munti House'*, and 220 acres of plantation and wildlife trophies of the taxidermist with Eshwer.

The Court had also ordered a CID inquiry against the then DCP Basavaraj Malagatti (now retired) and other Police Officers of Nazarbad Police Station.

Eshwer had moved the Court to get the FIR quashed and to prove his credentials as the legal heir of the property. The HC, after hearing the case, ordered that the property be handed back to Eshwer.

Meanwhile, Tilly Gifford challenged the High Court order contending that the properties cannot be transferred to Eshwer's name without permission from the RBI since Van Ingen was a British national.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Michael Floyd Eshwer expressed confidence that justice would be served to him as he had not done any fraud.

"The properties including the bungalow and estate were registered in my name in the year 2005 and 2006 at Sub-Registrar's Offices in Mysuru and Manandawadi in Kerala respectively. In fact, it was Van Ingen himself who had accompanied me to get the properties registered in my name. People had filed a false case against me only to extract money," he added.

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## DEVARAJA MARKET RECONSTRUCTION...

# Traders, old-timers dread losing decades-old business

By S. Pushpavathi

While the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) is all set to demolish and rebuild the historic Devaraja Market following a recommendation from the Task Force for Quality Assurance in Public Works, traders in the century-old market are keeping their fingers crossed as they are not sure of getting a place there to sell their products once the new building is reconstructed. Their apprehension: Old-timers will be asked to cough up exorbitant rent to make way for new vendors.

The Task Force, comprising structural engineers and construction experts, was constituted by the State Government after a portion of the market collapsed on Aug.29, 2016. On its part, the MCC has kept the cards close to its chest and authorities have been insisting that old vendors will not be vacated. On one hand, the MCC wants to demolish the structure in one go relocating vendors to another place, on the other, traders are demanding a phased demolition and have demanded the heritage nature of the building be safeguarded while constructing afresh. It will be very hard for them and their families as they are dependent on the market for a living, they argue.

"By demolishing a historic structure, the MCC is dissuading traditional market shoppers and driving them into malls and shopping complexes that have already robbed us of a livelihood," say the traders. The MCC is firm on demolition and a master plan of Rs. 80 crore is kept ready for budget approval and approvals from the State Government. The proposed new building will have a multi-level parking facility too.

*Old picture of Devaraja Market*

There are 1,122 shops in the market and 822 of them pay a monthly rent and 300 of them pay daily rent. Of the 1,122 shops, 180 shops are in outer peripheral and more than 900 shops are inside the building. More than 3,000 people are employed in the market and about 3,000 small vendors buy vegetables wholesale and resell them elsewhere. About four to five people are employed in each shop and 8,000 to 10,000 people visit the market every day. Trade reaches its peak on weekends and festive days.

The Devaraja Market has been constructed above the Dewan Poornaiah Canal that supplies drinking water to the Mysore Palace and it has been named in 1925 after Dodda Devaraja Wadiyar. Most of the vendors here have little or no education and some of them entered into trade following the footsteps of their parents and grandparents. "We are not sure if we will be allowed to trade in the new market," said a trader.

## 95-YEAR-OLD NANJANGUD RASABAALE OUTLET

Trader A. Shivanna's family has been selling Nanjangud Rasabaale since 95 years. Shivanna's son Kailash fondly remembers how as a young boy he used to see his grandfather and father sell bananas at the very spot he is selling them now. "We hail from Devarasanahalli near Nanjangud and to provide an identity to the fruit, it was called Nanjangud Rasabaale and it clicked. Future is uncertain," he says with a sigh.

Shivanna recalls how the Wadiyars of Mysore including Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar and Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar used to get Nanjangud Rasabaale from their outlet. "Kannada matinee idol Dr. Rajkumar and his family, Adichunchanagiri Seer Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji, political leaders like Sahukar Chennaiah, S.C. Dasappa, Kengal Hanumanthaiah and Nijalingappa used to get the fruit from our outlet. We even supplied Nanjangud Rasabaale for the wedding of former Chief Minister D. Devaraja Urs," he explains.

*Shivanna's son Kailash*

## 100-YEAR-OLD PROVISION STORE

My family started provision store business inside the Devaraja Market 100 years ago and I am a fourth generation trader. I was told that we began trading with just one anna (a form of currency then)," says Rajendra Babu who runs provision and daily needs business inside the market.

"At that time, our shop catered to the needs of 11,000 residents of Mysuru and the business has grown and competition has increased over the years. We did not abandon the trade even when the market caught fire five times. Somehow we could balance and recover the loss," he says and adds that his shop's future is unknown.

*Rajendra Babu, provision shop owner.*

## AGE-OLD SHOP SELLING PUJA ITEMS

Ravikumar and Nagendra run Sri Vinayaka Puja Stores inside the Devaraja Market. The trade was started decades ago by Naama Adinarayana Setty and Naama Subramanya Setty. The shop has every piece or item that is required for various puja items. "We sell all the items required for an auspicious and inauspicious occasion. This apart, we sell seasonal items for all festival seasons," says Nagendra displaying the items that were sold for Sankranti. Both of them have not lost hope and they are confident that they will be able to continue their trade after the new market is constructed.

*Nagendra, shop owner.*

## BOOK AND AGARBATHI SHOP

The book shop in front of Chikka Gadiyara near the entrance was an agarbathi store in 1914. Now Najeeb Ahmed runs it and is apprehensive about the demolition. "My family has been conducting business here since three generations and we have a diversified business that suits the market conditions. Apart from this book shop we own a flower shop, puja shop and a shop that sells bags. It will be a huge loss for me if the market is demolished. We hope that the MCC does not drive us away and rob us of our livelihood," he says.

### 'Heritage structure will be retained'

"We will reconstruct the Devaraja Market keeping in mind the present heritage structure. It will be a modern market with cellar and space for parking. We are in the process of inviting tenders to keep the traditional style. We have a budgetary proposal of Rs. 80 crore and will begin works once we get approvals."

"Traders will be temporarily accommodated elsewhere and when the new shops are allotted, old-timers will be given preference and new rent will be levied based on the old rents they were paying."

**—M.J. Ravikumar, Mayor**

### 'Yet to receive MCC assurance'

"Traders are scared and are carrying on with their business without being sure of continuing their trade. There are several buildings in Mysuru that are older than the Devaraja Market and unfortunately, Devaraja Market is the target of politicians and MCC. Though the MCC authorities have told us that temporary arrangements for the vendors will be made at the J.K. Grounds, we are yet to receive an assurance."

**—Pailwan Mahadev,**
President of
Devaraja Market
Traders' Association

# Pages from History

By Prof. A.V. Narasimha Murthy, former Head,
Department of Ancient History & Archaeology, University of Mysore

## Bhagyanagar to Hyderabad

Numismatists (specialists in ancient coin research) all over South India are congregating at Hyderabad on 18th and 19th February 2017. It was originally called **Bhagyanagar** but now it is **Hyderabad.** The occasion is the 27th Annual Conference of South Indian Numismatic Society, Chennai. About 150 coin specialists are presenting research papers connected with South Indian Coinage. The Department of Archaeology and Museums of the State of Telangana has been organising this conference with Director N. R. Visalachhi as the local Secretary and Dr. Veerendar, formerly of the Salar Jung Museum, is the Organising Secretary.

The policy of the South Indian Numismatic Society which caters to the needs of coin experts and coin collectors is to organise this conference every year at different places in the States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Kerala. Last time this conference was held at Thiruvananthapuram and next year it will be held in Bengaluru.

Hyderabad is not new to me. In fact, I started my professional career as an Archaeologist at Hyderabad half-a-century ago. I requested my guru *Padmabhushana* Prof. K. A. Nilakantha Sastry, who was living at Chennai, actually a neighbour of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan and the famous actress Padmini (Lalitha and Ragini are the other two). Immediately Nilakantha Sastri contacted the then Director General of Archaeological Survey of India and the latter gave me a job in the Survey as a Technical Assistant. I worked in this capacity for two years. In the meantime, I got a Fulbright Scholarship to go to Harvard University, USA. Thus ended my association with Hyderabad.

When I was at Hyderabad in the Archaeological Survey of India, I was the only higher officer in that city. Many cinema actors and Directors used to visit Hyderabad for shooting, particularly Charminar, Charkaman, Golconda Fort, Falaknuma Palace etc. I was to supervise their presence so that nobody would do any harm to the Archaeology monuments. This gave me an opportunity to meet actors and actresses like N. T. Ramarao, Akkineni Nageswara Rao, Bhanumathi and a host of others. They used to treat me with respect and share food with me.

*Charminar*

Another thing which is still green in my memory is that I was asked to receive and take around the VIP visitors to monuments. Once Governor Trivedi came to Charminar and wanted to climb the spiral stairs to go up. I politely requested him not to do so. But his Secretary did not heed to my caution and the Governor with his men and officers climbed half way and could not proceed further because of the giddiness. The Collector held me responsible for this without caring for my protests. He even complained to the Archaeological Department but they ignored because Dr. B. K. Thapar knew what I was.

Now coming back to Hyderabad, it was considered as a great centre of culture and hence poets and men of literature from Far East, Central Asia, China and Western Europe used to come to Hyderabad. By 1687AD due to the misrule of the Moghuls, the city lost its glory. In 1947, the Britishers gave to Nizams the administration of Hyderabad. When Nizam refused to accede to Bharat and tried to join Pakistan, Sardar Patel, the Iron man of India, sent an army under Col. Chaudhury who took over Hyderabad in less than twelve hours and Kulapati K. M. Munshi was appointed as the Agent General and Nizam announced before the mike of AIR that he has joined Hindusthan. Everybody heaved a sigh of relief. This has been graphically described by K. M. Munshi in his book *'End of an Era'* which I had the good fortune to translate into Kannada being published by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mysuru Kendra.

In those days, the Nizam of Hyderabad was the richest man in the world. But he was stingy. According to K. M. Munshi, he had put on a trouser and a long coat which were pressed when they were tailored. The richest man in the world sat in his Palace (King Kothi) gazing at his wealth of gold coins, gold objects, diamonds etc. They were all covered by a thick cloth and the droppings of the doves were there in plenty. The dust deposited on this would show if anybody has walked in. Of course, nobody had the courage to do so. His harem also had large number of beautiful women who pined away in the harem itself.

Apart from Charminar, there is a mosque called Mecca Masjid which is one of the largest in the world. More than 10,000 persons can pray here at a time. It was started by Quli Qutub Shah and was completed and put to use in 1687 AD. About 1,400 oxen were deployed to bring granite from a distance of 10 kms. Golconda Fort, now a protected monument, was built by Quli Qutub Shah. Among the recent buildings, Birla Mandir may be cited as an example. Another attraction is the Hussain Sagar which has a tank bund of many kms and is a lovers' paradise.

In addition to these ancient buildings, Hyderabad is famous for the Osmania University. Its entrance built of granite is an architectural marvel. It also has Abdul Kalam Azad Oriental Research Institute, Central Asian Institute, Central Library, Osmania Hospital. One cannot forget the Moosi river which flows in the city. Secunderabad, just about 6 kms away, is another phase of Hyderabad. There are many bridges and Lakdika Phool is well-known.

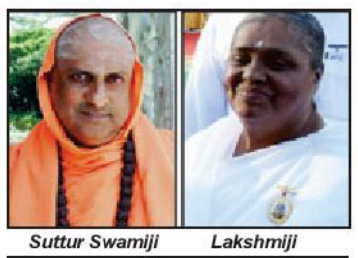
Hyderabad also has a large number of Kannada-speaking people working in many offices of Government of India. I had my office in Chikkadapalli. **In fact there was a proposal to make Hyderabad as the capital of our country because it was a central place of the country. But since Delhi had all infrastructure Hyderabad was ignored.** I am happy that the Numismatic Society of South India is conducting its conference in Hyderabad which has played a significant role in the political and cultural history of our country.

## Suttur Seer showers praise on Brahma Kumari Lakshmiji

Mysuru, Feb.18 (KVK)-It was, perhaps, a joyous moment to Rajayogini Brahma Kumari Lakshmiji, Chief Co-ordinator, Brahma Kumaris, Mysuru Sub-Zone, when Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt praised her for her instinct efforts in starting the 50-year-old Brahma Kumari Institution in Mysuru and further expanding it to the present level.

He even recalled his Guru late Sri Rajendra Swamiji who had all appreciation for the young Lakshmiji then, who used to visit to the Mutt to invite the Swamiji for functions and how she used to function single-handedly.

The Swamiji also extended greetings to Lakshmiji for completing 50 years of yeomen spiritual service in Mysuru.



*Suttur Swamiji* *Lakshmiji*

The occasion was the Golden Jubilee celebrations of Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mysuru and the inauguration of 15-day Mega *'Gyan-Vigyan Divya Darshan Mela'* which the Swamiji inaugurated at Maharaja's College Grounds in city on Sunday last (Feb. 12).

## Women's Convention tomorrow

Mysuru, Feb.18- Prajapita Brahma Kumari Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya has organised a Convention on 'Women as Saviors of Culture' at Maharaja's College Grounds on Feb.19 at 11 am in the presence of Rajyogini B.K.Lakshmiji. Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar, Vice-Chancellor, Music University, will inaugurate. Mallige Veeresh, Chairperson, Karnataka Zoo Authority, will be the chief guest.MLC Veena Achaiah will preside.

## Dr. Charishma Kaliyanda elected Liverpool City Councillor

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (ACP&DM)- Dr. Charishma Kaliyanda, hailing from Kodagu, has been elected as Councillor of City of Liverpool in Sydney, Australia.

A native of Kolakeri near Napoklu in Kodagu district, Dr. Charishma is the daughter of Kaliyanda Madappa (Jaya) and Bhanumathi (daughter of Chottera Kaverappa) couple. At present, her entire family is based in Liverpool City.

Born on Dec. 2, 1987, Dr. Charishma completed her education in Bengaluru and later settled down at Liverpool in Sydney. She is now an Australian citizen.

A registered Occupational Therapist, Dr. Charishma, who currently works with STEM professionals to build and improve their skills, entered politics by joining Labour Party.

She had contested the Council polls two years ago but lost by a narrow margin.

*Dr. Charishma Kaliyanda*

Recently, top leaders of Labour Party unanimously elected her as Liverpool City's Councillor from South Ward. With this election, Dr. Charishma is also likely to become the Mayor of the city in the near future.

This is her first term on Liverpool Council and Charishma looks forward to working with the community to make Liverpool the best place to live and work.

Dr. Charishma's brother Tarun Thimmaya's family too is settled in Liverpool City.

## Articulate Festival tomorrow

*Chethan & Chandra* *Jugnu Kiran* *Meghna* *Laxminarayan*

Mysuru, Feb. 18- As part of the Articulate Mysore Festival, the following programmes have been organised at Premier Complex, Premier Studios, Jayalakshmipuram, on Feb. 19 at 6.30 pm:

Bharatanatyam by Jugnu Kiran Kapadia, Kuchipudi by Chethan Gangatkar and Chandra Prabha Chethan; Odissi by Meghna Das and Kathak by Laxminarayan Jena.

Entry is free. For details, contact Fest Co-ordinator Mysore B. Nagaraj on Mob: 93412-88391.

# Shops encroaching footpaths cleared

*A JCB machine of MCC this morning brought down a zinc sheet put up as a shelter in front of a shop on Paduvarahalli Main Road which had encroached the footpath. During the footpath clearance drive, the MCC officials with the help of Police also demolished the steps and petty shops which had come up on footpaths in the area.*

# State Camp of Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan at VLEAD

Mysuru, Feb.18-Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) will be hosting the State Camp of Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan (VVM) on Feb.19 (Sunday) at Vivekananda Institute for Leadership Development (VLEAD), Mysuru.

The State Camp will have a variety of assessment formats including written tests, experiments, video appreciation and situational problem analysis. Twelve students selected in the State Camp will be participating in the National Camp at Delhi in May 2017.

Vidyarthi Vigyan Manthan is a National-level talent search exam, organised by Vigyan Prasar, Vijnana Bharati and NCERT, to popularise science and identify and nurture talented students from across the community.

Nearly 1 lakh students in classes 6 – 11 participated in the written exam across the country in November 2016. The top 120 students, 20 per class, from each State were selected for the State Camp. In Karnataka, over 3,400 students took the written exams in 38 centres across the State.

The camp will end with prize distribution ceremony at 4pm. Dr. Rakesh Kumar Sharma, Director, Defence Food Research Laboratory, Mysuru will be the chief guest along with Dr. Arvind Ranade, National Convener of VVM and a scientist in Vigyan Prasar and Chandrasekharan Nair, CEO of Vijnana Bharati. Dr. (Flt Lt) M. A. Balasubramanya, Secretary & CEO of SVYM, will preside. For details, contact Praveen Kumar on Mob:9591945162.

# HDK hopes of doing well in bypolls

Mysuru, Feb.18 (RKB&DM)- Asserting that there is no dearth of candidates for Nanjangud and Gundlupet Assembly bypolls, former CM and State JD(S) President H.D. Kumaraswamy expressed hope that the party would fare well in the bypoll to the two Assembly segments.

Addressing the press meet at the Government Guest House in Nazarbad this morning, Kumaraswamy said that the party's National President and former PM H.D. Deve Gowda has announced that a list of JD(S) candidates for over 100 Assembly segments for the 2018 Assembly poll which would be released in March next.

Accusing the Siddharamaiah led Congress Government of looting the State, Kumaraswamy took strong exception to the sanctioning of over Rs. 120 crore for Nanjangud without Cabinet approval, just to hoodwink the voters.

Stating that the JD(S) was making all efforts to come to power in next year's Assembly poll, Kumaraswamy alleged that the two National parties (Congress and BJP), which ruled the State, indulged in rampant corruption, while also ignoring the State's interests.

Maintaining that the approval for the Mekedatu project was an election gimmick of the Congress Government, the State JD(S) Chief challenged the CM to complete the project before next year's Assembly polls.

Reiterating that the people of the State were looking at a regional party for effectively taking up their cause, he claimed that the JD(S) was the only party which can meet the aspirations of the party.

MLAs G.T. Devegowda and S.R. Mahesh, Legislative Council Deputy Chairman Marithibbegowda, Mayor M.J. Ravikumar, former Mayors R. Lingappa and Sandesh Swamy and others were present at the press meet.

# Actress Bhavana kidnapped, molested and released

Ernakulam (Kerala), Feb. 18- Actress Bhavana was reportedly kidnapped and molested when she was returning home from a shoot yesterday night at Ernakulam in Kerala.

The incident took place at around 10.30 pm when the accused stopped and hijacked Bhavana's car near Athani in Angamaly. The actress was molested in a moving car till they reached Palarivattom, which is roughly 25 kms away. The accused men got down at Palarivattom and fled in another car.

"For about one hour she was in the car with them and they kept driving and later she was dropped near the place where she lived," sources said. The gang reportedly also took video and photos of the actress.

Bhavana's former driver Martin has been arrested while the co-accused Sunil is absconding.

Investigations have revealed that both Martin and Sunil used to work for her as drivers.

Police have registered a case of kidnapping and molestation.

# 'Gender imbalance is detrimental to country'

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Delivering the keynote address, District Health Officer Dr. B. Basavaraj opined that superstitious beliefs had also further aggravated the situation leading to gender imbalance.

Dr. Basavaraj suggested that a strong legal action would alone curb the crime of sex determination test.

Addressing the gathering, Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, who is also the Chairman of PCPNDT Act Authority observed that gender imbalance was not there in many western countries and added that the imbalance, if continues for another 10 years, would be detrimental.

He advised all Diagnostic Centres to abide by rules and shun unethical practices.

DLSA Secretary C.G. Mohammed Muzarullah, Authority Deputy Director Dr. M. Rajini, Nodal Officer Dr. Vanajakshi, Mysuru Bar Association President G.V. Ramamurthy and others were present on the occasion.

# Grand procession marks Nalwadi Jayanti

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The function was organised by the District Administration in association with the Department of Kannada and Culture and Ursu Jayanthotsava Samithi.

Deputy Commissioner D. Randeep, Assistant Commissioner C.L. Ananda, Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, Varchaswi Siddalinga Raje Urs of Sri Manteswami Mutt in Malavalli and others, who participated in the procession, halted at K.R.Circle, where floral tributes were offered to the statue of Nalwadi.

Later, the procession passed via Devaraj Urs Road and JLB Road to reach Kalamandira on Hunsur road where stage programmes had been organised.

# Man found dead in NR Mohalla

Mysuru, Feb.18 (RK&DM) - A man in his mid-fifties was found dead due to illness in N.R. Police Station limits this morning.

The deceased has been identified as Shivashankar (56), a resident of N.R. Mohalla.

The body of Shivashankar was found lying along the road near second Idgah close to Mysore Lac & Paints by some passerby who informed the Police.

N.R. Police led by Inspector Ashok Kumar, who rushed to the spot, shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary.

Shivashankar is said to have died due to chronic illness late last night. N.R. Police who have registered a UDR case in this regard are investigating.

# Massive protest by BJP on Feb. 20

Mysuru, Feb.18(RKB&DM)- As part of its State-wide campaign against the corrupt Congress Government in the State, the BJP will be staging a massive demonstration in front of the DC's office here on Feb.20 at 12 noon.

Announcing this at a press meet at a private hotel here this morning, City BJP President Dr. B.H. Manjunath said that over 5,000 party activists will take part in the demonstration which will be held simultaneously in all taluk headquarters in the district.

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# 'Rotary Sainik Desh Rathna Award' presented

*Rotary Mysore Midtown, in association with Shrisainik Family, presented the first 'Rotary Sainik Desh Rathna Award' posthumously to martyr Major Akshay Girish at a programme held at Rotary Centre on JLB Road in city on Feb.15. Ashkay's father Wing Commander (retd.) Girish Kumar received the award from Major General (retd.) Dr. Mohan P. Muttagikar. Seen in the picture are (sitting from left) Wing Commander Girish Kumar (father), Naina Akshay (daughter), Meghana Girish (mother) and Sangeetha Ravindran (wife) with (standing from left) Col. Praveen Deswal (1st CO of Akshay Girish), Jamuna Prakash, Dr. Mohan P. Muttagikar, Rotary Midtown President Rtn. K.B. Harish, Rtn. Bhaskar, K. Venkatesha of Shrisainik Family, Rotary Assistant Governor Rtn. K.G. Ananth Raj Urs, Rotary Midtown Secretary Rtn. A.N. Aiyanna and Rtn. Goplalakrishna. Major Akshay Girish of 51 Engineers of Bengal Sappers was killed in a terrorist ambush on Nagrota Army cantonment in J&K on Nov. 29, 2016 just a few days ahead of his 31st birthday.*

# Music Varsity hosts Tyagaraja and Sri Purandaradasa Aradhana Mahotsava

*A music programme being presented at KSGH Music and Performing Arts University premises in city yesterday marking the occasion of Sri Tyagaraja and Sri Purandaradasa Aradhana Mahotsava in the presence of (seated from left) — Vid. Dr. R.S. Nandakumar, Varsity VC Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar, Dr. T.N. Nagaratna and Registrar Dr. Niranjan Vanalli.*

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (US)- Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University, in association with the Department of Kannada and Culture, had organised Tyagaraja and Purandara Aradhana Mahotsava yesterday at the University premises here.

Inaugurating the programme, scholar Dr. T.N. Nagarathna said that the contributions of great personalities like Buddha, Basavanna, Guru Nanak and Pygambar to society were matchless and unparalleled. She added that Purandaradasa had composed over 1,000 kirtanas each with a social message.

Interactive sessions were held later. Shubha Raghavendra recited Gamakas. Kurpa Manjunath spoke on music. Mayuri Upadhya and troupe presented Yakshagana 'Daksha Yajna.'

Vid. Dr. R.S. Nandakumar, Music Varsity VC Dr. Sarvamangala Shankar, Registrar Dr. Niranjan Vanalli and others were present on the occasion.

# Sri Tyagaraja-Purandara Aradhana by 'Surabhi'

Mysuru, Feb.18- Surabhi Ganakala Mandira Charitable Trust, Mysuru, is celebrating its 30th Sri Tyagaraja-Purandara Aradhana **today and tomorrow (Saturday and Sunday).**

Today, there will be the rendering of the compositions of Tyagaraja and Purandaradasa by the students of 'Surabhi' from 3 pm to 6.45 pm. At 7 pm, there will be a Classical Music Concert by Vid. Dhanya Dinesh accompanied by Prithvi Bhaskar (violin), A. Radhesh (mridanga) and V.S. Ramesh (morching). All these events will be held at Sri Vidyabharathi Prarthana Mandira in Vontikoppal.

On Feb 19 (Sunday), the programmes begin at 8 am with the singing of Purandara Navaratna Krithis in chorus by the students of 'Surabhi' which will be followed by the Goshti Gayana of Pancharatna krithis of Sri Tyagaraja by Musicians of Mysore and students of 'Surabhi.

At 10 am, there will be felicitation and awarding of the title "Nada Surabhi" to the well-known musician of yesteryears, *Ganakalabhushana* B.S. Vijayaraghavan by the art patron K.V. Murthy.

There will be a grand music concert by Shertalai Dr. K.N. Ranganatha Sharma of Madhurai accompanied by Mathoor Srinidhi (violin), C. Cheluvaraj (mridanga) and G.S. Ramanujan (ghata) from 10.30 am onwards which will be followed by Mahaprasadam at 1.30 pm.

Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar, along with the students of Surabhi, has requested music-lovers to be present in large numbers.

# Gopalopayanam Award conferred on nonagenarian Vedic scholar

*Sri Tridandi Srimannarayana Ramanuja Chinna Jeeyar Swami of Ubhaya Vedanthacharya Peetam Trust, Hyderabad (Andra Jeeyar), conferring the Gopalopayanam Award on Vedic scholar Prof. K.S. Varadacharya Swamy in city recently.*

Mysuru, Feb.18- The Gopalopayanam Award was conferred on 97-year-old scholar Prof. K.S. Varadacharya Swamy by Sri Tridandi Srimannarayana Ramanuja Chinna Jeeyar Swami of Ubhaya Vedanthacharya Peetam Trust, Hyderabad, who is well-known as Andra Geeyar, at Varadacharya's residence in Jayanagar here recently.

This award, instituted in 1997, carries a memento and a cash prize of Rs.1 lakh and is given annually to an erudite scholar in Vedic literature in memory of the great scholar late Gopalacharya Swamy, who was an authority in Alwar literature from Sri Vaishnava Sampradhayam.

Sri Tridandi Swamy came all the way from Hyderabad to honour Varadacharya Swamy, retired Professor of Maharaja Sanskrit College and a Research Scholar from Oriental Research Institute (ORI).

The Swamiji described him as a rare diamond who trained many students in Vedantic literature all over the world.

The Swamiji also lauded him for his great contributions and commentaries in Kannada and Sanskrit of *Vedas, Sri-Bhasya* and *Valmiki Ramayana.*

# Dr. H.R. Manikarnika feted

*Dr. H.R. Manikarnika, Eye Specialist, was felicitated by Dr. C.R. Chandrashekar, Professor of Psychiatry, NIMHANS and author of 200 Kannada medical books, at a programme organised by Kannada Vaidya Sahitya Parishat for her book 'Vanitheyara Vyadhigalu' at its premises on Feb.11 in the presence of other dignitaries.*

# Unity March marks Popular Front Day

*As part of the 10th anniversary of Popular Front of India (PFI), thousands of PFI activists, accompanied by members of various organisations, took out a Unity March in Rajiv Nagar, from Shabnam Function Hall to the ground near Nimra Mosque, yesterday to mark Popular Front Day celebrations. PFI National Organising Secretary Abdul Wahid Sait inaugurated the programme in the presence of Prof. Mahesh Chandra Guru of the University of Mysore, SDPI State General Secretary Abdul Majeed and PFI State Unit President Muhammed Shakeeb.*

# MCC Development Officer gives thumbs down to order of Mayor and Commr.

## Notice served on erring Officer

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Amidst widespread complaints of MCC officials acting at the behest of vested interests, here is a classic example of the arrogance and irresponsibility of an MCC Official and such acts have greatly hampered the effective functioning of the civic body.

MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha, taking serious note of the arrogant attitude of the Official, has served a notice to him, asking him to reply on the charges against him, within 24 hours.

**Details:** City Mayor M.J. Ravi Kumar and MCC Commissioner G. Jagadeesha had undertaken an inspection of areas coming under Ward Numbers 30 and 32 on Wednesday morning. The inspection was aimed at hearing public grievances.

The Mayor went on the inspection by foot starting from Sri Rama Kalyana Mantap in Vontikoppal and passed through Jayalakshmipuram, Gokulam and Manjunathapura. As the Mayor traversed through the areas, the public came up with complaints and grievances.

When the Mayor's team was inspecting the Gokulam Main Road, some residents complained that a petty shop near Coffee Day on the road was a hurdle to smooth vehicular movement on the road, following which Mayor and MCC Commissioner instructed Zone-4 Assistant Commissioner Priyadarshini and Development Officer Nagaraj Naik to take measures for evicting the shop. Accordingly, the MCC Zone-4 Development Office evicted the shop and transported it to the MCC Godown with the help of 'Abhaya' team on Wednesday afternoon itself.

But some residents who called *Mysooru Mithra*, sister concern of *SOM*, on Thursday complained that the evicted shop has been relocated at the same place.

When *Mysooru Mithra* contacted Mayor in this regard, he said that he came to know that the Commissioner itself had returned the petty shop to its owner.

When Commissioner was contacted over phone for his reaction, he said: "the shop was evicted in my and the Mayor's presence during the Ward inspection on Wednesday. But Nagaraj Naik has returned the shop without bringing to my notice. As such I will be issuing a notice to Nagaraj Naik."

As said, the Commissioner has on Friday issued a notice to Nagaraj Naik asking him to explain in writing why action must not be taken against him for returning the shop, which was evicted based on public complaint in the presence of the Commissioner and the Mayor, without bringing to his (Commissioner) notice.

Nagaraj Naik has been given 24 hours time (from the time of receipt of notice) to reply to the notice in writing.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that MCC Zone-4 Engineer Lokesh has been transferred to his parent Department over the issue.


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## WORD OF THE DAY

### Cachet

**Pronunciation:** ka-SHAY

**Meaning:** A seal used especially as a mark of official approval; a characteristic feature or quality conferring prestige; a design, inscription, or advertisement printed on mail.
**Example:** From many years, the company has been using its official cachet to seal the letters.
**Origin:** In the years before the French Revolution, a lettre de cachet was a letter, signed by both the French king and another officer that was used to authorise a person's imprisonment. Documents such as these were usually made official by being marked with a seal pressed into soft wax. This seal was known in French as a cachet. The word was derived from the Middle French verb cacher, meaning "to press" or "to hide." The "seal" sense of cachet has been used in English since the mid-17th century, and in the 19th century the word started acquiring its extended senses.

## THE ODD WORD

### Sabaton

Foot-covering as part of suit of armour.

## PHRASE OF THE DAY

### Beck and call

**Meaning:** To be at someone's beck and call is to be entirely subservient to them; to be responsive to their slightest request.

**Origin:** 'Call' is used here with its usual meaning. 'Beck' is more interesting. The word, although has been in use in English since the 14th century, isn't one that is found outside the phrase 'beck and call' these days. It is merely a shortened form of 'beckon', which we do still know well and understand to mean 'to signal silently, by a nod or motion of the hand or finger, indicating a request or command'. Beckon call' could be said not to be a phrase in English at all, but it is gaining some ground nevertheless. The mis-spelling began in the USA in the early 20th century; for example, this early citation from The Modesto News-Herald, May 1929:
A crowd of several hundred people heard a stirring address by B. W. Gearhart, Fresno attorney and American Legion official. "Down through the history of American wars, from the Revolutionary to the recent World conflict," the speaker declared, "America always has had at its beckon call men who would give their all for their country that people might enjoy peace and freedom.
The rogue phrase still appears in print in newspapers. Here's a recent example from the London Daily Mirror, by Phil Differ and Jonathan Watson:
He [football manager Dick Advocaat] told me what he was particularly looking forward to when he comes to Scotland and that's having the entire Scottish press at his beckon call and I promised he won't be disappointed.

## QUOTE BOX

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*Answer: Fire*

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| | 7 | | | | | | | 3 |
| | 9 | | | 7 | | 1 | | 4 |
| 6 | | 4 | | 8 | 1 | | 7 | |
| | | | 5 | | | | 6 | |

Answer to previous puzzle

| | | | | | | | | |
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| 5 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 9 | 8 | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 8 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 9 |
| 3 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 8 |
| 4 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| 9 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
| 7 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 5 |
| 1 | 7 | 5 | 3 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 2 |
| 2 | 3 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 6 |
| 6 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 7 |

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

## CROSS WORD

**ACROSS:**

1 Agitate, foment or induce ?
5 European - "T-lab" anagram?
9 Doctor, in short
12 Swiss river - change of "area"?
13 Oriental nanny - "a ham" changed?
14 Irish Rep. Army
15 Malicious gossiper
18 English actress of Blackman of Goldfinger fame
19 "A nap" anagram for "our own" in Hindi
20 A clever and amusing person
22 Festive occasions; festive gatherings for sports
26 Flags, pennants or badges
30 Nearest in order or time
31 ___ pusher : a clerical worker?
32 Tie oneself in ___ : become confused?
34 Inverse to "cos" in trigonometry?
35 Hyphen
37 Brackets for candlesticks
39 A period of silence
41 Bollywood's Raja __ Rank
42 Give ___ to : cause or induce or suggest?
45 An extremely light wood
49 Went over the ground again (8,5)
53 300 in Roman numerals
54 Breathing sound
55 Wyatt ____ : the famous sheriff of Dodge City
56 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
57 Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Serv.
58 The __ the limit : it's almost limitless?

**DOWN**

1 An ornamental band worn round the waist
2 Mexican food
3 Teheran is the capital of this country
4 Popularity, prominence or reputation
5 Lamb's cry?
6 South Africa's Hashim ____
7 Lady with the ___ : Florence Nightingale, of course?
8 Strip of leather
9 ____ oneself in : establish one's firm position?
10 Feldspar for one, pyrite for another
11 ___ sick : affected by nausea in an automobile?
16 ____to : toast, wish success, etc.?
17 Indian leavened bread
21 Double digits
23 ___ majesty : treason toward the king or country?
24 Woodcutting tools
25 Supplemental Type Certificate
26 Boyfriend or admirer
27 In short, "American National Standards Institute"?
28 Mythical bird of enormous size and strength
29 An ancient Greek portico
31 At once, briefly
33 Rebuffs, repulses or blackballs
36 Mister German?
38 Packing cases made of wooden slats
40 Jewelled head-band
43 Rip-off, swindle or con?
44 Those long and slipper fish?
46 Flow or ooze out of a small opening
47 Lively and nimble?
48 Poisonous snakes
49 Record company ___ Victor
50 Prefix meaning "environment" or "nature"?
51 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
52 Desmond's pet name?

**YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:**

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | S | P | S | ■ | D | R | A | B | ■ | A | D | E |
| T | A | L | C | ■ | I | S | L | E | ■ | W | I | N |
| H | O | A | R | ■ | S | T | E | E | P | L | E | D |
| ■ | ■ | N | A | R | C | ■ | ■ | F | I | S | T | S |
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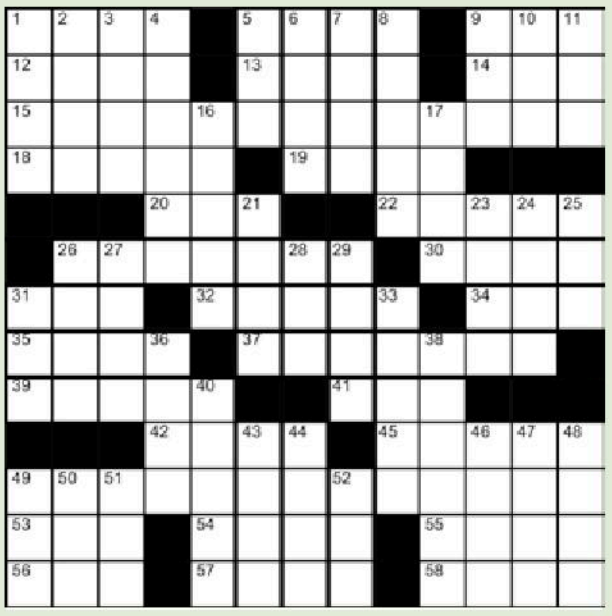

## CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

**IFX KXNI JSQISC YA IFX OSCUJ YN IFX LXIXCYABCYBA. FX QBA'I**

**BNT FYN DBIYXAIN OFBI YN IFX HBIIXC-FX'N RSI IS MPNI TASO**

**TODAY'S CLUE: F EQUALS H**

**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** No one gossips about other people's secret virtues.

# NOW SHOWING

| Movie | Theatre | Phone | Shows |
|---|---|---|---|
| **KANNADA** | | | |
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| *Chowka* | Woodlands | 2422871 | 4 Shows |
| | Shanthala | 2427584 | 4 Shows |
| | Mahadeshwara | 9900820093 | 4 Shows |
| *Dodmane Huduga* | Sri Maruthi | 2521923 | 4 Shows |
| *Kirik Party* | Saraswathi | 2541451 | 4 Shows |
| | Lido | 2420885 | 4 Shows |
| *R.A. Pushpaka Vimana* | Skyline | 2481170 | 4 Shows |
| *Tonic* | Olympia | 2420737 | 4 Shows |
| | Thibbadevi | 2452958 | 4 Shows |
| *141* | Uma | 2520009 | 4 Shows |
| **HINDI** | | | |
| *The Ghazi Attack* | Sri Nagaraj | 2520490 | 4 Shows |
| | Sterling | 2481170 | 4 Shows |
| *Miss Teacher* | Balaji Deluxe | 2497199 | 4 Shows |
| **TAMIL** | | | |
| *Singam-3* | Rajkamal | 2423554 | 4 Shows |
| | Padma | 2521923 | 4 Shows |
| *Ennodu Vilayadu* | Prabha | 2423569 | 4 Shows |
| **TELUGU** | | | |
| *Om Namo Venkatesaya* | Gayathri | 2443568 | 4 Shows |

## DRC CINEMAS — PH: 4240422, 4241800

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| *Lego Batman Movie (E-3D)* | (S-1) | 10.45 am |
| | (S-2) | 1.15 pm, 3.20 pm, 5.25 pm |
| *Kirik Party (K)* | (S-1) | 12.50 pm |
| *Chowka (K)* | (S-1) | 3.45 pm, 6.50 pm |
| | (S-4) | 10.30 am |
| *Ezra (Ma)* | (S-1) | 9.55 pm |
| *Irada (H)* | (S-2) | 11.00 am, 9.55 pm |
| *Hidden Figures (E)* | (S-2) | 7.25 pm |
| *Running Shaadi (H)* | (S-3) | 11.30 am, 1.45 pm |
| *Mana Manthana (K)* | (S-3) | 4.45 pm |
| *The Ghazi Attack (H)* | (S-3) | 7.25 pm, 9.55 pm |
| *Singam -3 (Ta)* | (S-4) | 1.35 pm |
| *Jolly LLB 2 (H)* | (S-4) | 4.30 pm, 7.15 pm, 9.55 pm |

## INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — PH: 2533444 / 2533456

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|---|---|---|
| *Lego Batman Movie (E-3D)* | (S-1) | 10.05 am, 2.55 pm, 7.35 pm |
| *Running Shaadi (H)* | (S-1) | 5.10 pm; (S-3) 10.30 am |
| *Hidden Figures (E)* | (S-3) | 1.00 pm, 9.40 pm |
| *Jolly LLB 2 (H)* | (S-2) | 10.00 am, 3.50 pm, 9.55 pm |
| | (S-4) | 7.00 pm |
| *The Ghazi Attack (H)* | (S-1) | 12.20 pm, 9.50 pm |
| *The Ghazi Attack (Te)* | (S-3) | 3.40 pm |
| *Ezra (Ma)* | (S-4) | 9.50 pm |
| *Mana Manthana (K)* | (S-4) | 4.15 pm |
| *Irada (H)* | (S-4) | 1.35 pm |
| *Kirik Party (K)* | (S-2) | 6.40 pm |
| *Singam-3 (Ta)* | (S-2) | 12.45 pm |
| *Chowka (K)* | (S-3) | 6.20 pm; (S-4) 10.20 am |

**Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.**

# AIR ON SUNDAY

**6.00 am Patriotic Songs, 6.10 Geetaradhana, 6.30 Chinthana, 6.35 Raitharige Salahe, 6.45 Jeevanavendare Heegena?, 7.15 Bhavageete, 8.35 Coffee-Thindi, 10.00 Keli Giligale, 10.15 Jenkara, 10.30 Makkala Mantapa, 11.00 Kamanabillu, 11.30 Yuvavani, 12.00 noon Vocal Recital, 1.00 pm Devaranama, 1.20 Bhavageete, 1.40 Madhyanada Madhurya, 2.35 Vaarada Atithi, 4.00 Vaarada Cinema, 6.15 Folk Songs, 6.30 Vijnana Munnade, 6.50 Krishi Ranga, 8.00 Kannada Bharati, 8.30 Digi Dhan, 9.16 Gazals, 9.30 Akhila Bharata Ravivarada Sangeetha Sabha.**

# TV TONIGHT

**ZEE TV**
6:30 pm TBA
7:00 TBA
7:30 TBA
8:00 TBA
8:30 TBA
9:00 Brahmarakshas
10:00 TBA

**Star Plus**
7:00 pm Saathiya
07:30 Ye Hai Mohabbatein
08:00 Dil Hai Hindustani
09:00 Naamkarann
09:30 Yeh Rishta Kya Kehlata Hai
10:00 Ishqbaaaz
10:30 Dil Bole Oberoi

**SONY**
4:30 pm Kapil Sharma Show
6:00 Kapil Sharma Show
7:30 62nd Filmfare Awards 2017 Red Carpet
8:00 Indian Idol
9:00 62nd Filmfare Awards 2017

**Discovery**
5:00 pm Man Vs. Wild
6:00 Dual Survival
8:00 Man vs. Wild
9:00 Container Wars
9:30 Container Wars
10:00 Man vs. Wild
11:00 Naked and Afraid

**Star Sports**
6:30 pm This Weeks Special
7:00 Sri Lanka Tour of Australia 2017 H/ls
7:30 Best of India vs. Australia 2017
8:00 Superstars
8:30 Game Plan
9:00 This Weeks Special

**National Geographic**
6:30 pm Do or Die
7:00 Nat Geo Weekends
7:30 Nat Geo Weekends
8:00 Nat Geo Weekends
8:30 Nat Geo Weekends
9:00 Mygrations
10:00 Science of Stupid

**Cartoon Network**
6:00 pm Bal Ganesh 2
7:30 Cockroach Wockroach
9:00 Roll No. 21
10:30 Ben 10
11:00 Dragon Ball Z
11:30 Dragon Ball Z

**Sun TV**
6:00 pm Keladi Kanmani
6:30 Pasamalar
7:30 Kula Deivam
8:00 Deiva Magal
8:30 Vamsam
9:00 Priyamanaval
9:30 Vani Rani

**Udaya TV**
3:00 pm Movie **Halli Mestru**
6:00 Movie **Shivalinga**
9:00 Sooper Kabbadi
10:00 Movie **Ajith**

# MOVIES TONIGHT

**Star Movies**
4:00 pm **Hitman**
6:00 **Joy**
9:00 **Predator**
11:30 **Avengers: Age of Ultron**

**HBO**
3:51 pm **Stardust**
6:12 **Transporter Refuelled**
8:00 **Transformers**

**WB**
4:16 pm **Flash Point**
5:46 **Legendary Assassin**
7:14 **17 Again**
9:00 **Gothika**

**Star Gold**
4:53 pm **Dangerous Khiladi 4**
7:55 **Swamy Ra Ra**
10:12 **The Attacks of 26/11**

**Zee Cinema**
2:28 pm **Kuch Naa Kaho**
6:12 **Rumble in the Bronx**
8:00 **Holiday**

**Filmy**
6:00 pm **Chala Mussaddi - Office Office**
9:00 **Malamaal Weekly**

**Sony Pix**
2:29 pm **Pompeii**
4:49 **Fast & Furious**
7:00 **King Kong**
11:00 **Total Recal**

**Udaya Movies**
4:00 pm **Rebel**
7:00 **Premada Kanike**
10:00 **Krishna Nee Kunidaga**

**Star Gold**
4:45 pm **Mr and Mrs Khiladi**
7:00 **Singham Returns**
10:05 **Ragada**

# EVENTS TODAY (FEB.18)

**Prajapita Brahmakumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidhyalaya, Mysuru division:** Golden Jubilee celebrations, 'Run for Peace,' orator and columnist Chakravarthy Sulibele flags off, in front of Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, **3.30 pm;** 'Gnana-Vignana Divya Darshan' Mela, Talk by Chakravarthi Sulibele, Maharaja's College Grounds, **6.30 pm.**

**The Department of Studies in Commerce, PG Centre, Vidyavardhaka First Grade College:** UGC-sponsored National Meet on 'Digital Economy in India: The Challenges Ahead,' Dr. N. Muthukumar, Chairman of CII Mysuru delivers the valedictory address, College premises, Seshadri Iyer Road, **4 pm.**

**CII and District Administration:** Training Program on Transformational Leadership for Senior Government officers from various Departments, DC Randeep will interact, Dr. N. Muthukumar, Chairman, CII Mysuru, will be present, Hotel Radisson Blu, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

**Kalasuruchi:** Story telling by K.P. Pradyumna, retd. Bank Officer, State Bank of Mysore, Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**

**Arya Samaja:** Maharshi Dayananda Saraswathi Samsmarane, discourse by Swami Brahmadevaji, Vidyaranya Convention Hall, opp. Sterling Theatre, **4.30 pm.**

**Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram:** Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Badarayanacharya, Samiti premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

**Department of Studies in History, University of Mysore and Prof. D.S. Achuta Rao Centenary Programme, Bengaluru:** Valedictory of Prof. Achuta Rao Memorial International Conference, Dr. T.P. Sankarankutty Nair, Professor of History (retd) and Director General, Centre for Heritage Studies, Govt. of Kerala, Cochin, delivers valedictory address, Prof. M.V. Srinivas, Professor (retd), Dept. of Studies in History, UoM, Rani Bahaddur Auditorium, Manasagangothri, **5.30 pm.**

**Sri Ramakrishna Ashrama:** Swami Nityasthanandaji speaks on 'In search of happiness,' Ashrama, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**

**Prajna Shaikshanika mattu Samskrutika Trust and Department of Kannada & Culture:** Staging of play 'Prajaraja' (based on Rajashri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar), former Rangayana Director H. Janardhan inaugurates, Prof. P.V. Nanjaraje Urs presides, Kalamandira, **6 pm.**

**Sadhana Mandira:** Talk by Swami Hamsanandaji in English on 'Techniques of Divine Living' based on Sadhana Panchakam written by Adi Shankaracharya, Ramana Jnana Kendra, near Apollo BGS Hospital, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

**N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Saint Tyagaraja and Saint Purandaradasa Aradhana, Violin duet by Vid. Mysore M. Nagaraj and Vid. Dr. Mysore M. Manjunath, accompanied by Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy and Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathi Temple, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

**CSI Holdsworth Memorial Hospital (Mission Hospital):** Musical event in aid of the Mission Hospital by Mission Hospital Toccata Musical Productions, United Kingdom, Bangalore Children's Chorous and guest artiste Frank Konie, Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri, **7 pm.**

**Surabhi Ganakala Mandira Charitable Trust:** Sri Tyagaraja and Sri Purandaradasa Aradhana, Karnatak Classical Music by Vidu. Dhanya Dinesh, Bengaluru, Sri Vidyabharati Prarthana Mandira, Sri Chandramouleshwara Temple premises, Kalidasa Road, **7 pm.**

# EVENTS TOMORROW (FEB.19)

**Bird Watching:** Kukkarahalli Lake entrance gate, opposite Senate Bhavan, **7 am to 10 am.**

**Arya Samaja:** Maharshi Dayananda Saraswathi Samsmarane, Sandhya & Yajna, **8 am;** Vedaghosha & Bhajans, **10 am;** Health Camp, **10.30 am;** discourse by Swami Brahmadevaji, **11 am;** Shanka-Samadhana, **12.30 pm;** discourse by Sri Acharya Nareshji, **4.30 pm;** Valedictory and felicitation, Vidyaranya Convention Hall, opp. Sterling Theatre, Vishweshwaranagar, **6 pm.**

**Surabhi Ganakala Mandira Charitable Trust:** Sri Tyagaraja and Sri Purandaradasa Aradhana Mahotsava-2017, Goshti Gayana, **8 am;** Felicitation to Prof. B.S. Vijayaraghavan by art patron K.V. Murthy, **10 am;** Karnatak Music Concert by Vid. Shertalai Dr. K.N. Ranganatha Sharma, Madhurai (vocal), Vid. Mattur Srinidhi, Bengaluru (violin), Vid. C. Cheluvaraju, Bengaluru (mridanga) and Vid. G.S. Ramanujan, Mysuru (ghata), **10.30 am;** Mahaprasadam, Sri Prasanna Parvathi Kalyana Mantapa, Kalidasa Road, Vontikoppal, **1 pm.**

**SWAT Club of Regional Institute of Education (RIE):** Valedictory of SWATANTRA - the ICT Convention, Inter-Collegiate Competition, **9 am onwards.**

**Mysore City Sri Shivachathrapathi Co-operative Society Ltd.:** Chathrapathi Shivaji Birth Anniversary celebration, procession, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple, Palace North Gate, **9 am.** [Stage programme at Kalamandira]

**N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust:** Saint Tyagaraja and Saint Purandaradasa Aradhana, Nadaswara and rendering Kritis of Saint Tyagaraja and Saint Purandaradasa, **9.30 am;** Felicitation to artistes Vid. M.S. Jayaram, Vid. A. Chandan Kumar and Vid. M.L. Bharathi, **11.20 am;** Pancharathna Kritis of Saint Tyagaraja in Chorus, **12.20 pm;** Concluding Session and Maha Mangalarati, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathi Temple, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

**Sri Raghavendraswamy Seva Samiti, Jayalakshmipuram:** Discourse on 'Bhagavad Gita' by Pt. Sri Badarayanacharya, Samiti premises, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.**

**Kumaravyasa Gurukula and Kavyaranjani Sabha:** Saraswathibai Samsmarane, 'Kumaravyasa Bharata - Kaamyakavanadalli Srikrishna Sandarshana' Vaachana by Vidu. A. Susheela and Vyaakyaana by Vidu. Dinamani Srinivasamurthy, #1315/2, 3rd Cross, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 8 pm.**

**Sri Vedavidya Prasarini Sabha:** Discourse on 'Sampoorna Srimadramanayana by Dr. K.S. Narayanacharya, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm.**

**Articulate Mysore:** Articulate Festival, Bharatanatyam by Jugnu Kiran Kapadia, Kuchipudi by Chethan Gangatkar and Chandra Prabha Chethan; Odissi by Meghna Das and Kathak by Laxminarayan Jena, Premier Complex, Premier Studios, Jayalakshmipuram, **6.30 pm.**

**Sadhana Mandira, Mysuru:** Talk by Swami Hamsanandaji in English on the topic 'Techniques of Divine Living' based on Sadhana Panchakam written by Adi Shankaracharya, Ramana Jnana Kendra, near Apollo BGS Hospital, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 8 pm.**

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